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### **Paying respects**



Retired Col. Elmo Baker, Freedom Flyer No. 97 (left), and retired Brig. Gen. Thomas Fleming, former 12th Flying Training Wing commander, salute the Missing Man Monument and wreath being held by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Haight of the Randolph Honor Guard March 31 during the 33rd Freedom Flyer Reunion wreath-laying ceremony. Several hundred people, including about 25 former Vietnam prisoners of war, attended a POW and Missing in Action Symposium, the wreath-laying ceremony and events at the 560th Flying Training Squadron as part of the annual commemoration of the return to flying status of former Vietnam War POWs. Instructor pilots in the 560th FTS requalified more than 150 former POW aviators from 1973-1975, and the unit has held a reunion ever since. (Photo by Steve White)

# Community survey kicks off Monday

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice Wingspread Editor

The 2006 Randolph Community Assessment Survey of active duty members, reservists and families begins Monday.

Sponsored by the Integrated Delivery System Working Group, the Web-based survey will be sent via e-mail to randomly selected Randolph men and women over the next several weeks.

"This survey is the best way for Randolph members and their families to make their opinions and needs known," said Capt. Sarah Cantrell, Randolph IDS chairperson. "The results will be used by base leadership and the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed to enhance the well-being of the community."

Because the survey is administered and analyzed by an independent agency and because participant responses are not linked to personal information, respondents can be assured of confidentiality, the captain said.

"Those selected don't need to worry about their comments being traced back to them," Captain Cantrell said. "We want people to be totally honest in this survey. The main thing is that they just take the time to fill it out. Those 20 minutes it takes could make a big difference in Randolph's quality of life in the long run."

Past survey responses have directly influenced family services and related support activities at the base and throughout the Air Force.

Some of previous initiatives adopted as the result of previous community assessment surveys include:

• Expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families

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### I Love Randolph Week

### Community comes together to clean, beautify base

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Randolph organizations and residents are getting ready to roll up their sleeves and pitch in to help beautify the base during the 10th Annual I Love Randolph Week Monday through April 14.

I Love Randolph Week is a five-day clean-up and beautification program sponsored by the 12th Civil Engineer Division.

The event focuses on units and individuals lending a hand to make Randolph a better place to work and live. 12th CED officials said.

"I Love Randolph Week is a chance for the base to come together as a community and beautify Randolph," said Leon Spradling, deputy civil engineer.
"Whether a person mulches a flower bed or picks up trash, every little effort helps. We ask that everyone join in and help make Randolph a place to be even more proud of."

building projects.

Vouch resident "This is up their Speed sa

Cleaning, painting and landscaping are just a few suggestions for the observance, Mr. Spradling said.

For work areas, people should be focusing on the interior cleaning of the buildings, including the cleaning of air conditioning grills, said Frank Speed, self help manager. For the exterior areas of the

"I Love Randolph Week is a chance for the base to buildings, people can work on landscaping or repair

Vouchers for mulch will be provided to housing residents, Mr. Speed said.

"This gives the housing residents a chance to spruce up their gardens and yards for the springtime," Mr. Speed said.

All chemicals, including paint, to be used for activities and projects during the week must be coordinated with the hazardous materials office by calling 652-3079 or 652-3062.

For more information on projects, call Mr. Speed at 652-3681 or Mr. Spradling at 652-2401.

between Oct. 1, 2005 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2006.

12th Flying Training Wing Training Status												
Pilot Instructor Training			Navigator, EWO Students						Wing Flying Hour Program			
As of Monday			562nd FTS		563rd FTS				Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Seniors	Overall	CSO/NFO		CSO		Graduate EW	/O	T-1A	4941.0	5333.9	10,725
99th FTS	-1.0	0.1	USAF	291	OPS	25	International	17	T-6A	8086.2	8240.3	17,196
558th FTS	-5.0	-4.6	Navy	32	Advanced EW	24	EW Course	0	T-37B	2520.0	2573.6	5,796
559th FTS	-6.7	-3.4	International	3	Integration	21	Intro to EW	0	T-38C	4360.6	4637.3	9,937
560th FTS	-0.1	-0.2	Total in Training	326	<u> </u>	70		17	T-43	1761.0	1834.9	3,982
Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior			Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of						The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown			

combat systems officer students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

# AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

As of Monday, 138 Team Randolph members are deployed in support of military operations around the globe.

COMMENTARY COMMENTARY

### Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil



While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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### "PROTECT YOUR WINGMAN"

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It's a crime not a mistake

Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

### Ticket prices change

I went to Information, Tickets and Travel to buy tickets for a local amusement park based on a price I saw on the Commander's Access Channel and on the Services Web page. The price I was charged was higher than the advertised price. I then called Services marketing to see if I could get a refund for the difference of the advertised price and what I was charged.

They wouldn't pay the difference. Customers shouldn't have to pay more than the advertised price. I feel I received poor customer service.

I apologize for the confusion over ticket prices and any inconvenience this issue may have caused, but thank you for bringing this to my attention.

The information on the Commander's Access Channel and Services Web site

has been updated to reflect the current cost of tickets. Unfortunately, in this particular situation, we are unable to further lower our already discounted

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652-4314

Bottom line: Although all advertisements state, "Prices are subject to change," we can and need to do a much better job keeping our listed prices up to date. The ITT staff also regrets any inconvenience this issue may have caused.

# Ready everyday to fly, fight, win

By Col. Mark Mueller

36th Maintenance Group commander

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN) – If you would have asked me what I would expect of our service in the 21st century 24 years ago when I raised my right hand and pledged to serve our nation and Air Force, I would never have imagined the transformation our Air Force has gone through. It has been an exciting ride.

We are at another important crossroad in the 58-year existence of our Air Force. We have to do more with less. We have to bridge the gap and continue to find better ways to maintain a fleet of aging aircraft until our next generation of weapons systems comes on line. We have to be fit to fly, fight and win. We will change and get leaner.

When I came in the Air Force, we were some 680,000-plus strong. What did commitment and readiness to our Air Force and mission – to fly and fight in air, space and cyberspace mean to me back then? Not what it means to me today.

What has not changed is our Airmen – the people behind the mission and our training. Today, we are deployed all around the world, and our total force is around 340,000 members strong and

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getting smaller. Technological advancements have played a big role in our superiority.

Recently, our secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force redefined our mission. Specifically, "The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests – to fly and fight in air, space, and cyberspace."

Our leaders also noted: "Our task is to provide the National Command Authority and the combatant commanders with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses."

What can we, as Airmen, both military and civilian, do to ensure the continued success of our Air Force and to remain the world's most dominant air, space, and cyberspace fighting team? You might imagine there is much to do. But let me offer a few "pearls of wisdom" I have thought about and tried to live over the years.

First, high on my list, although I have not mastered it, is taking care of family. We take too much for granted and don't realize the sacrifices we put our families through for the betterment of our careers or service to our country.

If you don't take care of your family and ensure their needs are taken care of, a climate of stress and resentment will form. This environment is unhealthy and will cause you to be less focused on the performance of your duties while at work and in the execution of our mission.

A second thing to live by is being fit

"What can we ... do to ensure the continued success of our Air Force?"

- 1. Take care of your family
- 2. Be fit to fight
- 3. Train for success

to fight. I've tried to live by this by being an "O'Dark-thirty" gym rat since the day I entered the Air Force.

We have embraced staying fit to fight. We will all be healthier and happy for it, and ready when called to serve in stressful missions.

Another point to live by is training for success. I have been given the opportunity to attend many professional military education in-residence schools. I'm proud because many of the foreign officers who attended these schools with me spoke about how amazing our military enlisted corps is and how well our United States forces are trained. They revel at the level of responsibility given to our enlisted corps and their competence.

It's an exciting time to be a member of the Air Force. You must be ready every day to fly, fight and win. The soft and hard combat capability being developed provides a credible option for our combatant commanders.

Stay ready and strong; future adversaries will not give us the time we have had in the past.

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# Lock it or lose it

### Security forces advise people to protect belongings, even on base

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

Criminal activity is unfortunately a fact of life, and unsecured property is the leading cause of theft even on Randolph, said Robert Vickers, installation crime prevention advisor for the 12th Security Forces Squadron.

"The difference between being the target of a thief and being the victim of theft is often nothing more than remembering to secure your property," Mr. Vickers said.

Security forces officials said people become a target for theft by simply providing the opportunity for a thief to focus on a person or an item of property. Being a victim of theft is often little more than falling short of well-practiced routines. The most common factor in cases of theft on base is momentary carelessness, security officials said.

"The security forces recently examined the locker rooms in the base gym and found that, on an average day, 28 lockers were found to be unsecured," Mr. Vickers reported. "Sixty-one percent of the personal property thefts on base occur in the base fitness center. That's where thieves enjoy the opportunity to steal money or property, or worse, personal identification."

Maj. Christopher Bromen, 12th SFS commander, advised patrons of the fitness center to keep their personal belongings with them while in the gym. Recent cases of theft there resulted in loss of wallets, ID cards, credit cards and cell phones.

Another concern is the theft of car keys, especially those with keyless lock devices attached. The threat is that thieves can activate the device in a parking lot, listen for the car to respond, open the car and rifle its contents. The obvious prevention technique is to keep car keys secured at all times, officials said.



Valuables, especially ID cards, are always a target for theft. Lock them up or keep them under close surveillance at all times, security forces officials said. (Photo by Steve White)

Another problem is unsecured bicycles.

"We sometimes see bikes just lying in yards with no one around when we patrol through the base housing area," Mr. Vickers said.

Even though the rate of thefts on Randolph is lower than in the surrounding communities, Mr. Vickers said people on base should be aware of the potential for loss and the high cost of being a victim.

"It's one thing to lose the value of a stolen item, but an even greater problem is losing a wallet to a thief," he said. "Most people carry credit cards and personal identification in their wallets, identification that includes Social Security numbers, birth dates and home addresses. Even the military ID card contains enough information for a thief to get new credit in the owner's name, run up charges and not pay the bill."

It takes only moments of carelessness for a

determined thief to capture a person's identification, but it can take months, if not years, to correct the damage to a person's financial health, he said. Some steps to reduce the chances of being a target of

theft include:

- Using a lock at the gym to secure property
- Locking home and vehicle doors
- Locking the office door when unattended
- Securing bicycles
- · Ensuring keys are not left in the open
- Marking valuables with name and last four of Social Security number

The security forces have an etching machine in Building 235 people can use to mark their personal property.

For more information, call Mr. Vickers at 652-5600 or e-mail him at robert.vickers@randolph.af.mil.

**Grounded Galaxy** 



Emergency crews conduct operations Monday morning at the crash site of a C-5 Galaxy near the end of the runway at Dover Air Force Base, Del. All 17 people on board survived. Ten were treated and released, and the others were listed in fair condition Wednesday. The last C-5 crash was Aug. 28, 1990, when a C-5 crashed after takeoff from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, killing 13 of the 17 people on board. (Photo by Doug Curren)

### Survey

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- Developing a user-friendly support network for single parents
- Setting up marriage support seminars for junior enlisted members and their spouses
- Adjusting childcare and other support services to better match the needs of the community
- Increasing spouse-to-spouse support, especially during temporary duty and deployments
  - Increasing job opportunities for spouses

"The 2006 Community Assessment Survey is a top priority," said Col. Richard Clark, 12th Flying Training Wing commander. "It's a great way for us to listen to community members and then provide services that meet their needs and those of their families. It allows people a venue to express their opinions about issues that affect them everyday."

For more information about the survey, call Capt. Sarah Cantrell at 652-6962, Clara Schueler at 652-4387 or Heidi Welch at 652-5941.

# Fam-A-Ganza offers loads of family fun

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The youth center holds its annual Fam-A-Ganza event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center in Building 585.

Families in the Randolph community are invited to participate in a variety of activities devoted to children.

"This free event is designed to celebrate the Month of the Military Child, which is observed in April," said Chandra Frerichs, youth center staff member. "Children of all ages are invited to attend."

The event includes many different activities for the children to choose from. Highlighting the event is an egg hunt, clown visits, face painting, bouncy castles, music, food, and dance, gymnastics, step and drum club performances.

A colossal cookie challenge will also take place during the event for children to enter. Rules and recipe outlines for the contest are available at www.afcommunityprograms.com. Judging will take place at noon, and all the entries have to be in by 10 a.m. with their recipes.

Staff Sgt. Susan and Master Sgt. Darnell Edmonds

said they take their children, Jalen and Darnell, to Fam-A-Ganza every year.

"The boys love experiencing the 'cool' things that everyone displays," Sergeant Susan Edmonds said. "Since they love the youth center so much, it's a chance for the boys to be there on a Saturday as well."

An opening ceremony kicks off the event at 9 a.m. Prize drawings take place during the closing ceremony at 1 p.m.

The event is sponsored in part by Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union, USAA and Eisenhower Bank.

For more information, call 652-2088.



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### class duates

Twenty-four Air Force lieutenants and four Navy ensigns receive their navigator and naval flight officer wings during a Combat Systems Officer class graduation today.

The ceremony takes place at 10 a.m. in the officers' club. Col. William Watkins, 12th Flying Training Wing vice commander, will present the graduates with their service's silver or gold wings, and will present four awards for student achievement.

Graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Gilmary Michael

Hostage III, director of intelligence and air, space and information operations at Air Education and Training Command headquarters here.

The general is a 1977 ROTC graduate from Duke University and completed pilot training in 1979. He has served as an aide to the Air Force chief of staff, politicalmilitary planner on the joint staff, Air Combat Command's assistant director of operations and AETC's director of plans and programs.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### 563rd FTS Change of Command

Lt. Col. Kenneth Duck assumes command of the 563rd Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. George Trumbull at 10 a.m., April 14 in Hangar 4.

#### AFPC senior NCO recognized

SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq - A senior NCO deployed to Iraq from the Air Force Personnel Center won the senior NCO of the month award for March.

Base leadership selected Master Sgt. Johnathan Hover, NCO in charge of the personnel contingency office for the 447th Air Expeditionary Group.

Sergeant Hover routed more than 100 Airmen arriving at Baghdad International Airport with questionable geographic location identifiers ensuring all went to their proper locations. His computerized transient database and base pass program saved more than 40 hours per month.

Volunteering as the base Top III president, he raised \$600 as senior NCO involvement grew to an all-time high. Sergeant Hover also renovated the enlisted services tent sound system.

#### PA announces marquee policy

The electronic marquee on Harmon Drive inside the main gate is completely functional since being installed earlier this year, 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs officials announced.

People who want to post official unit events or retirement announcements should e-mail their proposed messages to marquee@randolph.af.mil at least one week prior to the date they want them displayed.

Public affairs staff members will edit the announcement to fit the marquee layout and to standardize formatting.

For more information about posting items on the marquee, call Mike Briggs or Armando Perez at 652-2305.

### Officials explain tax-free leave

Military leave accrued while in a combat zone is tax free, regardless of when it is actually used or sold, according to Air Force personnel officials.

Only that portion earned in the zone, or in a month in which the member is in the zone, is subject to the tax exemption.

For example, a person is in the combat zone during parts of January and February, where he earns 2.5 days leave per month. Then the member reenlists before the end of February and sells 15 days of leave. Only the five days earned in the combat zone are tax exempt.

The tax exempt leave days are the first charged after departure from the area of responsibility.

For more information, people should visit their commander support staff.

### UIL students advance to regionals

Randolph High School students won multiple awards in the District 27-2A University Interscholastic League competition at Cole High School April 1.

They will advance to the regional contest at Texas State University April 22 in eight academic categories.

Placing in the competition were Rachel Williamson, Adam Cribb, Heather Hill, Cameron Young, Chad Thomas, James Conn, Brendan Nadeau, Elliott Ortiz, Samantha Elkjer, Jesse Lind, Maggie Robinson, Cindy Lopez, Andrea Shannon and Katrina Luna.

### Different kind of oath: Airman becomes U.S. citizen



Airman 1st Class Brian DelRosario, pediatrics clinic aeromedical service apprentice, checks patient Emily Ashley's vital signs. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

As an Airman stationed at the pediatric clinic on base, he looks forward to days of helping children, making them feel better and sending them off with a

He said working with children and the military every day is a fulfilling career for him. And now he does it each day as an American citizen.

Airman 1st Class Brian DelRosario recently took the oath to become a United States citizen.

He is assigned to the pediatrics clinic as an aeromedical service apprentice.

"I enjoy my work at the clinic very much because I get to screen children, learn about their ailments and then learn about their treatments," he said. "I love children, and my work gives me the opportunity to make them smile."

Airman DelRosario, a native of the Philippines, has been stationed at Randolph since December 2004. It is his first assignment since coming from technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Before he joined the Air Force, Airman DelRosario was living in Suisun City, Calif., with his uncle.

He was a green-card resident and could legally work in the United States. After taking a variety of odd jobs, his uncle, who was in the Air Force at the time,

encouraged him to join, he said.

"Serving in the Air Force at the time I took my citizenship oath made me extremely proud and happy," he said. "It was tough to make the decision to join, but I saw it as an opportunity for growth in my personal and professional life."

When Airman DelRosario applied for citizenship, he had to follow the process and procedures required by the immigration office.

"The process wasn't hard for me, however, because the military personnel flight helped me, and I could submit documents through them," he said.

He said his attitude has changed since becoming a

"I know that everything I do now will reflect on how people should treat me, not only as a person, but more so as a citizen of this great nation," Airman DelRosario said. "I am now more focused on how I can improve my way of life and how I must cope with my obligations."

His first trip as a U.S. citizen was to his hometown in the Philippines, where he traveled with his wife,

"We traveled back home to have a marriage ceremony there, because that's where both of our families live." he said. "We wanted to share that moment again with each other, and this time with them."

### Munitions team conducts growing mission safely

By Bob Hieronymus Wingspread staff writer

The big story is nothing happened. That's good news when you're in the munitions-handling

Randolph's Munitions Flight has not had an incident or accident for as long as the flight members can remember.

"That's because we do everything by the book," said Keith Holderfield, chief of the 12th Logistics Readiness Division Munitions Flight. "Safety is always our number one priority."

The flight took over responsibility for the entire T-6A explosives suite from the L-3 contractor on April 1.

On a flying training base, it's easy to forget that munitions still play a role in every mission, Mr. Holderfield said.

"There are 34 different munitions items on board the five aircraft in our inventory," he said. "Our flight is responsible for the procurement, storage, handling, and finally retirement of every one of

Munitions in Randolph's aircraft include the explosive devices that operate the ejection seats, that cause parachutes to open and, in the T-6A, that fracture the canopy so the ejection seat can pass through it. Pyrotechnic signaling devices carried in the pilot's egress equipment packs are also included.

"Each explosive device is uniquely designed for its specific role and has its own technical order for storing and maintaining it," said Patrick Fox,

munitions flight superintendent.

Mr. Fox said the flight maintains an inventory of 379 line items with a value of almost \$1 million.

"That includes all the munitions used by our security forces and by everyone who shoots on our base firing range," he said. "In addition, we provided support to the 'Tora, Tora, Tora' flight demonstration team at the air show last year. We received, stored and helped set up every one of those pyrotechnic devices they used to make all that smoke and noise."

Because of limited storage space on Randolph, more than half of the flight's inventory is stored at Lackland Air Force Base.

That will change this year, Mr. Holderfield said. Ground has been broken for a new 4,000-square-foot storage facility near the east runway. The work area now located in a temporary structure will be replaced with a permanent building to accommodate the needs of the mission here.

Members of the munitions flight meet every shipment of munitions that arrives on base, participate in its inspection at the gate and escort it to the storage facility. That is all just part of standard security procedures, Mr. Fox said.

The four people assigned to the flight have more than 80 years of experience in Air Force munitions handling among them.

"Although we don't work with bombs and bullets for fighter aircraft here at this time," Mr. Holderfield "when the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals mission comes here under the Base



Pat Fox, 12th Logistics Readiness Division munitions flight superintendent, prepares a T-6A life support system initiator for shipment. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Realignment and Closure program, our flight will be ready to take on new assignments. Our people have the experience and soon will have the facilities to support that expanded mission."

### PADD Requirement in vRED

Members of the military are now required to designate one person as authorized to direct disposition, or PADD, of their remains in the event the member becomes a

The person must be identified in their PADD to their records.

Social Security Account Number ending in ...

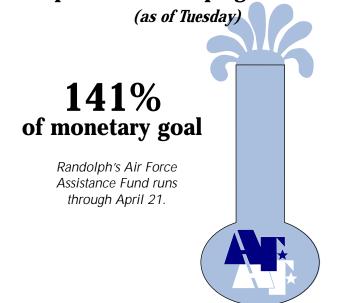
the service member's virtual Record of Emergency Data.

In order to avoid overloading the virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site, the following schedule has been set up for people to add

> Date to add PADD to records

Through April 10 Tuesday - April 14 April 15 - April 19 April 20 - April 24 April 25 - April 28 April 29 - May 3 May 4 - May 9 May 10 - May 15 May 16 - May 22 May 23 - May 31

**Randolph's AFAF Campaign Contribution** 



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### Créme de la Créme

### Randolph Officers' Club offers year-round catering service

By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

People looking for a perfect place to cater and host their next office party, promotion ceremony or retirement party need look no further than the middle of the base.

The Randolph Officers' Club has a catering staff of 13 people who are ready to assist at any function, large or small.

"Catering is our specialty," said Juan Conde, club manager. "Both club members, enlisted and officer, can have their functions catered and held at our

The officers' club hosts all types of events including weddings, promotions, retirements, rehearsal dinners, memorials, birthday parties, anniversaries and office parties.

The officers' club has eight venues for events: International Ballroom, Madrid Room, Daedalian Room, Randolph Room, Continental Room, Sky Lounge, a deck and a patio. The outdoor areas can hold from 60-250 people, depending on the area.

"When someone sets the date for their special occasion, they should call the club as soon as possible to reserve that date at the club, since the reservation times go fast," Mr. Conde said. "We are at the customer's disposal. We can set up times for any day of the week, and we are one of the few clubs, overseas and stateside, that operate all week long."

Customers can tell the catering staff what type of event they want to have and the staff will work with them to stay within their budget, Mr. Conde said.

"We make sure the party is flawless and

is exactly what the customer wants, from the set-up of the room to the decorations and food," he added. "Customers are offered a variety of entrees to choose from, for a served meal or buffet style meal."

The club caters 75-100 events per month.

"We are a convenient and inexpensive alternative to having your event off base," said Jennifer James-Heenan, catering manager. "With a catering staff with more than 50 years of experience, the club will provide the customer with ultimate value and comfort."

To schedule an event, call 658-7445 or 652-4864.

### Randolph teacher named Distinguished Educator



By Jennifer Valentin Wingspread staff writer

A fourth grade teacher was recognized recently for her work at the base elementary school.

Tess Gooden has been named the Randolph Field Independent School District's "Distinguished Educator" for the 2005-2006 school year.

She will represent the district in the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching competition. The winner of that award will be announced today at Trinity University.

"Ms. Gooden continually seeks a way to instill a love of learning in her students while creating in each child an appreciation of the importance of education, which is the key to their future successes," said Dr. Barbara Maddox, RFISD superintendent. "She is truly a Distinguished Educator and an excellent candidate for the Trinity Prize in Excellence in Teaching."

Randolph Elementary School fourth grade teacher Tess Gooden talks to her class March 31 at the elementary school. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin) Ms. Gooden said she is very proud of her nomination.

"Being selected as this year's Distinguished Educator is by far the proudest moment for me during my almost 29 years of teaching," she said. "To be honored by one's peers is one of the highest compliments an educator can receive."

Ms. Gooden said one of her favorite duties is serving as co-sponsor for the student council.

"It is my responsibility to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of every student," she added. "I provide instruction in math, language arts, science and Texas History daily for my group of 20 students."

Ms. Gooden received her bachelor of science degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1977 and started teaching in the Floresville ISD before to coming to RFISD in 1978 as a resource teacher.

She was a resource teacher through 1989, when she took over teaching content mastery for three years. In 1992, Ms. Gooden began teaching the fourth grade.

### Variety of Easter events planned for base community

**By Jennifer Valentin**Wingspread staff writer

Randolph has a variety of events planned to celebrate the Easter holiday April 16.

The dining facility hosts an Easter Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The Airmen's Dining Facility's celebration of Easter is special because it's one of only four times a year that military families, no matter what rank, come together to eat a meal," said Frank Anderson, food service officer. "We are also inviting retirees and their families."

For more information on the meal, call the dining facility at 652-5533.

A non-denominational sunrise Easter Service takes place April 16 at 7 a.m. at Randolph's Canyon Lake Recreational Park.

"After the service, children can bring their baskets and hunt for eggs filled with candy and toys," said Shelta Reese, 12th Services Division marketing director. "There will be areas of egg hunts set up for all ages, so everyone has the chance to participate."

For more information, call 1-800-280-3466.

If egg hunting isn't for you, the bowling center offers a holiday special for Easter.

Customers can bowl April 16 from 4:30-9 p.m. for \$1.75 per person per game with shoe rental for \$1.50. For more information about the special, call the bowling center at 652-6271.

The base clubs are hosting Easter meals as well for their customers.

The officers' club offers a buffet for members for \$21.95 for adults and \$10.50 for children ages 6-12. The price for non-members is \$24.95 for adults and \$13.50 for children ages 6-12.

Children five and under eat for free.

The seating times are 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

For reservations, call 658-7445.

The enlisted club will offer two seating times for customers at 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The members' price for the buffet is \$17.25 for adults and \$7.50 for children 6-12 years old.

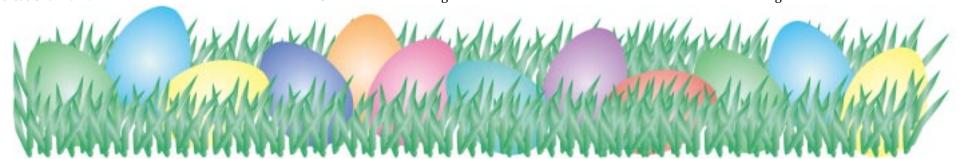
The non-members' price is \$19.25 for adults and

\$9.50 for children 6-12 years old. Children five and under eat free.

For reservations, call 652-3056.

"Both buffets include a wide variety of food and desserts," Ms. Reese said. "They are great ways to celebrate the Easter holiday."

For a listing of chapel activities for Holy Week and Easter, see the chapel listing in the community briefs section on Page 16.





Volunteer Tammie Goetsch arranges items in the military uniform donation closet at the relocation assistance center. (Photos by Jennifer Valentin)

# Family support center provides vital assistance

### From help with moving to finding employment, FSC is at the ready

**By Jennifer Valentin**Wingspread staff writer

With a variety of programs and events available to military members, spouses, retirees, family members, and Department of Defense civilians, the family support center offers help through an array of services.

"The Randolph FSC connects people with the right place at the right time in their life," said Beth McKinley, FSC flight chief. "We are the hub for resources and information for the base."

Everything from employment assistance, to educational classes, to financial advice is provided by the 13-member staff at the FSC.

The center offers a lot of classes for the base community, Ms. McKinley said.

Class topics include finances, business, driving safety, employment help and transition assistance. The classes offered are tailored to what has been requested by the base community.

"Financial issues are one of the most important needs of base members," Ms. McKinley said. "We have an on-site financial program manager to assist people with their financial concerns and questions."

There are a variety of courses and resources available for spouses or retirees looking for employment, said Chris Morrow, community readiness consultant.

"We offer an interviewing skills workshop, resume writing workshop, and one-on-one career counseling and resume review if necessary," Ms. Morrow added. "We also have postings of local

available jobs and computers available to search through various job listings."

The FSC also conducts programs for spouses.

Waiting Families Night Out is offered once a month for families who are separated from their loved ones due to deployment or a remote tour. Families can enjoy a meal and activities.

The Smooth Move seminar is also beneficial for spouses, added Ms. Morrow. The seminar offers advice to families who are making household moves.

"We talk about travel pay, legal information and what to expect when you move," Ms. Morrow said. "We try to help make the move as easy as possible."

If families are moving to Randolph, the loan locker and Virtual Airmen's Attic at the FSC can help.

Both have items such as irons, car seats, dishes, toasters, and other every day

necessities that families may need but may not have as soon as they move. The locker items are for loan, but the Virtual Airmen's Attic is online, and people can see an item they like and get it for free.

Bundles for Babies, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, is a program offered every other month at the FSC for active duty members and their spouses who are expecting a baby.

Attendees receive information about health, budgeting and other topics.

When spouses are separated from their loved one, it can be a difficult time for them. The Hearts Apart program is designed for spouses whose sponsor is in a remote, temporary duty or deployed status. The family or spouse is authorized one 15-minute call per week to the member from their own homes. The center has a videophone, which is another way for spouses to keep in touch.

A Red Cross volunteer is also at the FSC every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. for any concerns spouses or military members may have.

The FSC is currently in the process of becoming more of an outreach organization, Ms. McKinley said.

"People always come to us, and they know they can come here for their needs," she added, "but we are in the process of training our personnel so that we can assign one person to certain organizations on base, who can then go out and see what is needed within that unit or work area.

"People can still come to the FSC for classes, seminars and other assistance, but we will be out there on the base."

Several volunteers augment the staff at the center, but the FSC can use more help.

"We are always looking for volunteers," Ms. McKinley added. "Anyone who wants to help and donate time can come in. Some of our volunteers have been here for 20 or 30 years."

The FSC is on base to help the new and the familiar faces.

"We can help a brand new Airman or a retiring officer. We are here for Team Randolph," Ms. McKinley said.

For more information on any of the services provided by the FSC, call 652-5321.



Volunteer Nancy Paulson organizes the loan locker at the family support center.

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Senior Airman Philip Maxwell, 12th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, and Cora practice a frontal chest bite. (Photo by Steve White)

# Training seminar explores behavior of unique crime-fighters

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio Wingspread Staff Writer

Law enforcement patrols rely heavily on their partners, and communication between them is the key to their crime-fighting success.

For Sgt. Gerald Coker of the Converse Police Department, conversations with his partner, Castor, are critical. Although Castor can't talk to Sergeant Coker in a conventional way, communication between them can determine the outcome of a hostile situation.

Sergeant Coker is a canine handler and Castor is a police dog.

The pair was one of 25 handler and canine teams that attended a training seminar March 28-31 hosted by the 12th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Section here.

The training focused on police dog behavior. In a way, participants were learning to peek into the minds of their dogs to understand why they respond



Deputy Gary Spiers of the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and his dog Pepper prepare for a bite training exercise. (Photo by Steve White)

or behave in certain ways, said Tech. Sgt. Antonio Rodriguez, 12th SFS military working dog kennel master

All regional Department of Defense dog handlers were invited to attend as were local civilian handlers. Handlers from Tinker and Altus Air Force bases, Okla., traveled to Randolph to participate. Ten of the handlers in the training were from the sister services, some from as far as Fort Polk, La.

Converse and Seguin, Texas, Police Departments and the Bexar County, Texas, Sheriff Department sent eight representatives.

"The seminar is the first in recent years to bring together such a diverse group of handlers and trainers," Sergeant Rodriguez said. "The purpose is to have a cross dissemination of knowledge and information throughout the DoD and local civilian law enforcement agencies."

The seminar consisted of one day of classroom training followed by three days of hands-on field training. The core of the training was canine psychology, which involved analyzing the dogs' behavior.

Handlers learned to evaluate the dogs' mental state during different scenarios and to recognize signs from their dogs so they can train them to provide the proper response. This involved analyzing the dogs' movements and body language at different levels of stress.

This type of training helps handlers identify why their dogs behave a certain way, said Chris Jakubin, a seminar instructor and kennel master for the 10th SFS at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"We focus on the handlers and try to help them elicit certain behaviors from their dogs," said Mr. Jakubin. "It is important to know why a dog is succeeding or failing so you can advance the dog or fix the behavior."

Although handlers are trained on basic canine psychology in technical school, they do not get the indepth training on the subject the seminar provided. The training handlers receive is normally geared more toward the mechanics of canine handling rather than figuring out a dog's mental state, Sergeant Rodriguez said.

Staff Sgt. Gary Smith, 12th SFS military working dog trainer, explained the handlers and the dogs at

Randolph don't see many situations on base where their dogs actually use their aggression and apprehension training, or "bite" training, compared to their civilian counterparts. This training helps build the confidence of the dogs in their abilities to perform and helps the handlers recognize a lack of confidence.

Staff Sgt. Corby Czajka, 12th SFS military working dog handler, and his dog, Bosco, went through the training together.

"This helps me to know that if the real thing happens, Bosco will perform if called upon," Sergeant Czajka said.

During the field work, or decoy work, the handlers acted as decoy "bad guys" and evaluated the way the dogs reacted in different situations. The decoys use body suits and padded sleeves to protect them from the bites.

The training also helped the dogs practice biting different parts of the body.

Sergeant Coker said before this training he noticed Castor was always in "prey mode" where he saw all suspects as aggressive and on the run.

"All bad guys aren't going to run, some will turn back and fight," said Sergeant Coker. "Through these training exercises, I can tell Castor is learning that if this guy wants to fight he will fight too. I'm learning what to work on with Castor to build his confidence in 'defense mode."

The training was the first of its kind, but Sergeant Rodriguez said he hoped to continue hosting the event here in the future.



Tech. Sgt. Antonio Rodriguez uses a bite sleeve to gauge the defense drive of Blix. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio)

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# Madness!

### 12th CPTS/MSS defends title against AFPC 48-30



Paul Graham, 12th Comptroller Squadron/Mission Support Squadron forward, scores two in the pauint in front of Marcus Pendleton (No. 13) of the Air Force Personnel Center and CPTS/MSS teammate Angelo Mitchell. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

By Master Sgt. Lee Roberts

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

With just over three minutes to play in Randolph's Intramural Basketball Championship Game Wednesday at the base fitness center, Lorenzo McKinley threw down an emphatic breakaway dunk capping off back-to-back perfect seasons for the 12th Comptroller Squadron/Mission Support Squadron hoops squad.

The team's supporters cheered wildly in the stands with approval over McKinley's heroics, but the game was really won in the first half when CPTS/MSS used its swarming defense and transition offense to build an insurmountable 27-9 lead, which was too difficult for a scrappy Air Force Personnel Center team to overcome.

Both teams scored 21 in the second half as AFPC stepped up its physical play to stay even, but the deficit was too much to recover from as CPTS/MSS dominated AFPC 48-30.

"No one has been able to man up against us all year," said CPTS/MSS coach Bobby Ross. "They came out in the second half trying to man up against us and it wasn't enough given the lead we had in the first half."

Ross praised McKinley, his star guard/forward who led all scorers with 21, for his offense, but also for the little things he did that made the difference in the game. McKinley also grabbed five rebounds, had four steals and shared ball handling duties with point guard Eric Doggett.

"Number 5 is our all-star," Ross said. "He's been on fire all year long. He probably should be playing in the pros somewhere. He's a great basketball individual, all-around player, a great team player, and a great competitor."

McKinley said after the game he was just trying to press AFPC and wanted to capitalize on their mistakes.

"They are a great team," he said. "But for me, there is no mercy for the weak. For me I'm going to try to kill you until the clock stops. That's just how we roll. Today we did that. We just shot the mess out of the ball and played great defense."

Early in the game, AFPC trailed 4-2, but the shots seemed to brick off the rim and CPTS/MSS capitalized on the boards and with fast breaks during a 14-0 run over a five minute span.

AFPC finally scored, but CPTS/MSS continued to dominate down the first-half stretch.

"The first half absolutely was the difference," said AFPC forward Greg Walker. "They put it away in the first half. We really couldn't recover. They're a fast break team. They run up and down. They go all day, and we just gave out."

Charlie Freeman, AFPC coach, said CPTS/MSS's defense kept them from building any offensive rhythm.

"We couldn't hit a shot and they were on," Freeman said. "They did real good at holding us and contesting shots and eliminating our transition offense. We tried to push up the pace in the second half, but again we weren't able to hit as many shots as we wanted. Then they came down and they were hitting their threes and getting some key fouls and turnovers. They just played a better game than we did."

AFPC came through the loser's bracket to get into the championship game. They went 4-2 in the playoffs and ended their season with a 14-8 record.

Greg Walker led AFPC with 12, and Frederick Coy added 10.

CPTS/MSS dominated the playoffs, going 3-0, and went 19-0 on the year to cap back-to-back championship seasons.

In the game, Dogget scored 8, John Bone and Angelo Mitchell put up 6, and Bryan Anderson scored 5.

Center Rick Langlois sat out the game with a groin injury.

"It was a total team effort and it's been that way all year," Ross stressed about the team's perfect season. "These players have probably the best basketball savvy and basketball sense I've ever had the pleasure of coaching. They made my job easier because I really didn't have to coach."

## AETC/DP wins extramural crown

### Underdog AFSVA nips at opponent's heels but can't close deal

By Michael Briggs

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Marcus Hamilton hit three of four free throws and made a critical steal on defense in the final seconds to lead Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel past the Air Force Services Agency 39-34 in the extramural basketball championship March 30.

With the game tied at 34-34 with 50 seconds to play, Hamilton's efforts, combined with two free throws by Anthony Hardrick, made the difference for the defending over-30 league champions in a tightly played contest in which AFSVA led much of the way.

AFSVA, which entered the playoffs as the fifth seed, worked its way through the loser's bracket after dropping its first game in the double-elimination playoffs.

The Services team needed to beat AETC, the top seed, twice to claim the title.

The underdogs looked up to the task and built a six-point lead late in the first half before AETC

closed the gap to 19-16 at the break.

In the second half, the champions forced the tempo of play with offensive sets that led to more high-percentage shots. AETC defenders also tightened their play and caused several turnovers in the second half that led to fast-break points.

"We locked down on defense and moved the ball better on offense to get better shots," said Hardrick, AETC player-coach.

While the loss was a bitter pill to swallow for the members of the AFSVA squad, Mike Barkster, AFSVA player-coach, said he was proud of the way his players built momentum and responded after losing their first game of the playoffs.

"Services normally had a losing record, so we wanted to instill a winning attitude this year," Barkster said. "Once we won a couple of games during the regular season, that attitude carried over. The guys took heart in the playoffs, and pulled it out on a few nights when we played two games. Each team we eliminated from the playoffs had beaten us in the regular season."

Hardrick led all scorers with 15 points. Hamilton scored eight, and Yale Johnson and Terrence Arnold scored six each for AETC.

Randy Hayes led the AFSVA offense with 10 points, and Barkster, Toby Proctor and Charles Crittendon scored six each.



Lorne Gibson (left) of the Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel reaches in to steal the ball from Gary Lott of the Air Force Services Agency during the extramural league championship game March 30. (Photo by Steve White)

### Fit to Fight



The "Fit to Fight" column recognizes Team Randolph members who achieve an "excellent" rating on the Air Force Fitness Test.

**12th Medical Operations Squadron** Shelia Beville

12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron

John Lester

Shannon Roman

Jennifer Swain

1st Manpower Requirements Squadron

Francisca Alaka Jeffry Hahn Cardell White



# Intramural Bowling Standings

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#### **TEAM SCRATCH SERIES** AFPC 2987 **AFPOA** 2872 AFPC/DFSG 2803 **TEAM HANDICAP SERIES** OSS 3347 **AFSAT** 3307 **AFPOA** 3253 **TEAM SCRATCH GAME** Team Score **AFPOA** 1037 **AFPC** 1028 **AFSAT** 1005 **TEAM HANDICAP GAME AFSAT** 1198 **AFPOA** 1164 OSS 1148 **SCRATCH SERIES** Men Score Mike Wurzer 682 644 Mike Haggard **Grumpy Stephens** 632 Women Score Heather Hellmann 572 Lisa Barker 558 Lori Trainor 557 **HANDICAP SERIES** Score Larry Dohm 770 Marty Christensen 712 Paul Polanco 708

### **SPORTS BRIEFS**

#### Fitness and Strength Mania

A Fitness and Strength Mania event takes place Saturday with an aerobathon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., cardio maniacs at 10 a.m., and powerlifting competition at 10 a.m. with weigh-in at 6:45 a.m.

The event is open to all Department of Defense cardholders age 18 years and older. Contestants can register the day of the competition at the fitness center.

#### Hispanic Council golf tournament

The Randolph Hispanic Council hosts a charity golf tournament May 5 with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Format is a four-person scramble.

Members are asked to check in at the golf course between 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person or \$25 for members, which includes the greens fees and golf cart. Prizes will be awarded.

To sign up before April 28, call Master Sgt. David Meador at 565-4161.

#### Sit-up competition

Score

697

688

646

The fitness center will conduct a sit-up competition Monday from 7-8:30 a.m. Participants will get one minute to see how many sit ups they can do. The first 75 participants signed up receive a participation reward.

For details, call the fitness center at 652-2955.



Women

Shirley Harmon

Marian Fischer

Lupe Hernandez